All India Radio once a week on Saturdays and repeated on All India Radio, Suratgarh, on Wednesdays.

(b) The response has been quite encouraging.

(c) No, Sir.

Completion of the project for augmentation of T.V. transmission Network at Jabalpur

947. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made in regard to the project for augmentation of TV transmission network including construction of the high TV tower at Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh);

(b) whether the work is likely to be completed as per original schedule, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the work is behind schedule if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The High Power TV transmitter at Jabalpur operating on reduced power of 1 K.W., as interim set-up, is expected to be augmented to full power of 10 KW during 1993, on completion of 220 M high tower, which has been constructed upto 170 M height.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The delay anticipated is of about 2½ years because of rocky conditions at site.

Curb on coverage of religious news items

948. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to put a curb on giving coverage to religious news-items including religious functions and ceremonies attended by Ministers and other political leaders on Doordarshan and AIR;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) No change is contemplated in the extant practice whereby items are included in the news bulletins of All India Radio and Doordarshan based on their news value and newsworthiness.

Indo-British Joint ventures in power generation

949. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some new Indo-British joint ventures in power generation are on the anvil and announcement were likely to be made during the Delhi visit of British Prime Minister John Major; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such joint ventures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.